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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5660

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, VT (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO VATICAN

1. VATICAN CONFIRMS THAT 0915 MEETING JULY 6 WITH SECRETARY IS ACCEPTABLE TO POPE IF 0930 MEETING IS TOO LATE FOR SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. VATICAN PREFERS 0930, HOWEVER, AND HOPES THE LATER TIME COULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARY. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

2. VATICAN'S "FORMIN" ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI TOLD US THAT HE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WOULD BE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO POPE IN ORDER IN WHICH THEY LISTED:

A. MIDDLE EAST;

B. RESULTS OF MOSCOW TRIP WITH EMPHASIS ON CSCE, MBFR AND ARMS CONTROL;

C. US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS;

D. LATIN AMERICAN AND CUBA.

3. CASAROLI FELT POPE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH SECRETARY AND THAT IF TIME LIMITED IT WOULD BE BEST TO CONCENTRATE ON ITEMS A AND B ABOVE RATHER THAN TRY TO COVER TOO MUCH IN CURSORY MANNER. VOLPE

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